

GUAM

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)									
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____					COUNTY OF _____				
					CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §				
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.									
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.)					6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.)				
a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)					b. SEX c. RACE				
d. DATE OF BIRTH					e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER				
f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card)					7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.)				
M M D D Y Y									
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.)									
a. YEAR b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP					c. STATE d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known)				
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.)					a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY				
					M M D D Y Y				
b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box)					8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT				
c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE					X only one: a, b, c or d				
e. COUNTY OR PARISH					I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See Instructions)				
f. ZIP CODE (9-digit, if known)					a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.				
					b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.				
					c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent.				
					d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.				
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.)					e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement.				
					f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated.				
					g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S.				
					h. The information on this form is true and complete.				
					i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT				
					j. DATE				
					M M D D Y Y				
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.)					9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE				
					(If required by state law)				
					DATE SIGNED				
					M M D D Y Y				

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. You must complete all shaded areas.

A. Do not leave blank. Enter “N/A” if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.

B. Provide the complete street address of your Guam voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Item 7. For example: “on Highway _____, 2 miles past Highway _____, across the street from the _____ gas station.” This address must be within Guam and different from the one provided in Item 4.

C. Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address. Your current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in Item 3.

D. Check ONE box. You may use a single FPCA to request ballots for all elections in a calendar year.

E. You must sign and date the FPCA. When signing, you are swearing or affirming that the information is true and correct.

I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Guam and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

B. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

You may use a single FPCA to request ballots for all elections in a calendar year (for local and Federal offices).

If you are an unregistered member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine or a spouse or dependent of one of these, the Election Commission must receive your FPCA ballot request not later than 10 days before the election.

If you are a registered member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine or a spouse or dependent of one of these, the Election Commission must receive your FPCA ballot request not less than 3 days before the election.

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Voted ballot must arrive at the Election Commission not later than 8 p.m. on election day.

Local election officials mail ballots approximately 45 days before the election.

Due to its territorial status, Guam does not send representatives to the U.S. Senate or directly participate in the election of the President and Vice President of the U.S. At the Federal level, only a Delegate to the House of Representatives is elected.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your Guam ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instruction in Chapter 2, page 12.

D. Notary/Witness Requirements

FPCA: No notary or witness required.

Ballot Return Envelope: Must be sworn to before a commissioned officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, or any other officer authorized to administer oaths.

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

Guam does not allow electronic transmission of the FPCA, the blank absentee ballot or the voted absentee ballot.

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of Guam and overseas electors. The term “overseas elector” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in Guam.

- Guam residents outside of Guam (for local and Federal office ballots)
- overseas electors (for local and Federal office ballots)

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons imprisoned, confined to a mental institution, or found insane may not register or vote.

B. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is cancelled for failure to vote in two (2) consecutive general elections.

C. Action on Registration Requests

Notice of denial of registration is sent.

D. Action If Registration is Denied

Persons denied registration may appeal to the Election Commission. Consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

E. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to:

Guam Election Commission
P.O. Box BG
Hagatna, Guam 96932-8958

Think You Can't Make A Difference? Think Again! VOTE

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